



## DIGEST OF CURRENT ECONOMIC STATISTICS, AUSTRALIA FEBRUARY 1986

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- n.y.a. not yet available
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- r figure or series revised since previous issue

6. Where figures have been rounded, discrepancies may occur between sums of the component items and totals.

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# PRODUCTION

Month	Iron ore (a) '000 tonnes	Lead (b) '000 tonnes	Electricity mil. kWh		Gas (c) mil. megajoules		Raw steel '000 tonnes		Cement '000 tonnes		Motor vehicles (d) '000		Electric motors under 720W '000		Month	Coal (e) '000 tonnes
			Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.		
1984-85—															1984-85—	
November		39.1	9,356	9,836	36,452	38,975	494	526	553	505	38.3	33.5	228	188	November	12,247
December	22,560	38.8	9,227	9,916	33,538	40,281	552	552	455	476	29.4	34.6	151	158	December	7,292
January		35.6	9,389	10,258	31,802	39,309	511	507	330	493	11.8	33.9	88	195	January	8,581
February		35.1	8,806	9,864	32,702	38,439	451	500	444	461	31.5	33.2	193	201	February	8,207
March	22,451	41.4	9,860	10,104	36,119	37,907	537	521	477	457	35.6	33.1	195	190	March	11,504
April		41.4	9,346	10,052	33,588	36,886	494	518	447	467	28.9	33.3	155	188	April	10,152
May		45.6	10,561	10,065	40,321	36,444	549	522	529	476	38.9	33.2	182	198	May	13,169
June	p23,850	38.8	10,878	10,063	43,621	37,267	544	540	480	470	37.4	37.0	169	181	June	11,937
1985-86—															1985-86—	
July		45.4	11,683	9,927	49,864	39,391	599	545	514	492	44.4	37.6	190	177	July 27	12,998
August		45.6	11,275	10,279	47,894	42,917	583	556	594	552	42.5	36.5	190	160	August 24	12,930
September	28,609	43.2	10,201	10,208	44,819	43,432	582	601	523	523	38.1	35.5	193	163	September 21	11,626
October		42.6	10,210	10,265	43,559	44,285	589	597	570	543	42.1	36.4	222	180	October 19	11,986
November		38.0	9,724	10,255	38,917	41,555	r578	r616	522	481	34.5	32.1	195	164	November 16	12,658
December	22,554	38.1	r9,698	r10,418	15,237	42,075	561	556	457	473	25.6	28.9	r154	r160	December 14	13,217
January		n.y.a.	9,846	10,693	33,473	41,559	592	588	333	495	12.5	36.4	83	185	January 11	n.y.a.

(a) Gross mine output. Source: Bureau of Mineral Resources, Geology and Geophysics (B.M.R.). (b) Metallic contents of mine products. Source: B.M.R. (c) Available for issue through mains; includes natural gas. (d) Includes vehicles which are disposed of by the manufacturer in a partly finished state. (e) Excludes lignite. (f) Tasmanian production period one week earlier.

## PRODUCTION—continued

Month	Cotton woven cloth (incl. towelling) '000 sq m		Woolen and worsted woven cloth (incl. blanketing) '000 sq m		Man-made fibre-cloth '000 sq m		Meat '000 tonnes		Price index manufacturing division(s) (Base year = 1968-69 = 100.0)	Whole milk intake by factories(b) mil. litres		Brokers and dealers receipts of taxable wool		Book value at end of quarter \$ m	
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.		Original	Seas. adj.	Total	% of total receipts received by brokers(c)	Original	Seas. adj.
1984-85—															
November	3,186	2,930	1,083	847	14,511	12,969	p164	161	399.7	747	495	101,952	75.7	36,961	37,042
December	2,767	3,356	623	793	11,113	14,362	p134	155	400.9	690	503	56,759	76.5		
January	685	2,422	555	821	3,210	8,192	p153	164	402.0	590	515	42,889	80.0		
February	2,766	3,297	976	880	13,202	13,843	p154	163	405.2	438	513	45,255	75.1		
March	3,850	3,096	923	868	14,257	12,974	p183	184	408.2	390	519	48,406	74.5	37,815	37,842
April	2,735	3,025	680	699	11,506	12,526	p171	180	412.9	336	533	38,204	79.2		
May	4,383	3,378	945	937	15,086	13,531	p198	183	418.0	310	544	40,213	78.2		
June	3,317	2,847	751	883	14,506	12,748	p165	178	420.8	279	545	25,987	76.0	r39,151	r39,266
1985-86—															
July	3,793	3,474	877	835	15,301	13,420	179	168	422.7	342	496	55,086	81.6		
August	4,166	3,683	850	892	14,928	13,356	166	168	424.9	484	484	76,596	80.7		
September	3,491	3,099	707	744	15,682	12,675	166	162	425.5	652	486	106,725	81.3	p41,008	p40,785
October	3,338	3,291	734	589	16,445	14,444	195	168	426.1	789	493	117,212	77.9		
November	3,638	3,348	978	781	r15,597	r14,340	p187	p189	p428.4	p742	493	92,877	75.6		
December	r2,248	r2,787	r602	r718	r11,020	r14,000	p186	p190	p431.1	p679	p489	59,203	75.6	p41,679	p41,763
January	1,291	4,215	555	840	4,543	11,322	p180	p196	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.		

(a) This index is on a 'net division' basis and relates in concept only to articles which are produced in the Manufacturing Division of ASIC (Division C) for sale or transfer outside the Division or for use as capital equipments. (b) Source: Australian Dairy Corporation. (c) Members of the National Council of Wool Selling Brokers of Australia. (d) Owned by private enterprises in Australia. See publication 5629.0.

# FOREIGN TRADE

Month	Value of total exports (a) \$m	Value of total imports (a) \$m	Values at average 1970-80 prices \$m		Export price index All groups (Base year 1974-75 = 100)	Import price index All groups (Base year 1981-82 = 100.0)	Balance of Payments— current transactions		Official reserve assets (b) \$m
			Exports f.o.b.  Seas. adj.	Imports f.o.b.  Seas. adj.			Balance on goods and services	Balance on current accounts \$m	
1984-85—									
December	1,996	1,817	5,385	5,556	212	119.7	-417	-900	12,058
January	2,228	2,347			214		-663	-1,235	11,918
February	2,315	2,210			224		-178	-611	13,115
March	2,390	2,843	5,597	5,241	231	125.2	-91	-593	13,130
April	2,910	2,403			241		-2	-577	13,988
May	2,969	2,966			243		-426	-951	14,041
June	3,122	2,620	5,959	5,517	246	140.9	-255	-833	13,517
1985-86—									
July	2,720	3,221			241		-869	-1,448	12,499
August	3,116	3,072			238		-491	-978	12,774
September	2,784	2,812	6,177	5,823	237	p141.7	-610	-1,114	12,505
October	2,395	3,133			235		-943	-1,674	12,775
November	2,900	2,676			p238		-553	-1,069	12,636
December	2,633	2,844	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	p238	n.y.a.	-603	-1,179	12,216
January	p3,164	p3,273			n.y.a.		-370	-973	12,132
February	n.y.a.	n.y.a.			n.y.a.		-517	-1,033	12,923

(a) Non-merchandise trade is excluded from export and import statistics. (b) Gold is valued at the average London gold price for the month converted to \$A at the market rate of exchange applying on the last day of the month.

# INTERNAL TRADE

Month	All items except motor vehicles, parts, petrol, etc. \$m		Food and drink \$m		Clothing, hardware, electrical and furniture \$m		Other(b) \$m		New motor cars and station wagons registered '000		Other new motor vehicles registered(c) '000	
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.
	Retail sales(a)											
1984-85—												
November	4,087	3,892							41.2	41.8	12.5	13.3
December	5,195	5,922	6,233	5,793	4,474	3,816	2,416	2,038	39.4	41.8	11.3	12.9
January	3,802	3,993							39.0	44.1	11.5	13.4
February	3,517	3,943							43.5	46.6	12.8	13.8
March	3,847	3,981	5,858	6,004	3,375	3,847	1,936	2,090	48.8	47.2	15.6	14.2
April	3,846	3,997							49.0	43.7	15.6	13.7
May	4,246	4,112							42.1	41.6	15.6	14.6
June	3,809	4,137	5,943	6,103	3,953	3,976	2,000	2,138				
1985-86—												
July	r4,066	r4,201							46.9	42.6	14.8	12.9
August	r4,128	r4,196							44.1	41.2	12.1	11.7
September	r3,989	r4,281	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	42.6	44.9	11.9	13.0
October	4,402	4,366							r45.2	r44.0	r12.4	r12.5
November	4,581	4,366							46.5	48.4	r11.4	r12.4
December	5,874	4,406	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	p40.5	p41.9	p9.9	p11.2
January	4,283	4,489							p33.7	p38.5	p9.8	p11.3

(a) Series based on 1979-80 Retail Census; excludes Northern Territory, but includes Australian Capital Territory. (b) Other: excludes motor vehicles, parts, petrol, etc. (c) Comprises light commercial type vehicles, trucks, other truck type vehicles and buses.

# WAGES, OVERTIME AND RETAIL PRICES

WAGES, OVERTIME AND AWARD RATES													
	Average weekly earnings of employees (%)		Award rates of pay indexes, adult persons June 1976 = 100	Average weekly overtime hours per employee	Consumer price index, weighted average of eight capital cities (Base of each Index : Year 1980-81 = 100.0 unless otherwise stated)								
Month	All males	All females			All groups	Food	Clothing	Housing	Household equipment and operation	Transportation	Tobacco and alcohol	Health and personal care	Recreation and education(a)
1984-85—													
November	389.50	255.10	202.8	1.22									
December			202.8		135.9	133.5	128.1	140.2	137.6	140.9	150.5	120.8	116.9
January			202.8										
February	392.70	260.10	202.9	1.22	137.8	134.9	128.4	142.2	139.7	143.4	152.4	123.1	119.5
March			202.9										
April			208.0										
May	397.20	263.40	208.2	1.23	141.1	137.4	132.0	145.4	142.1	149.7	154.6	125.0	122.5
June			208.2										
1985-86—													
July			208.2										
August	403.10	265.00	208.2	1.18	144.2	139.9	133.6	148.7	145.0	152.9	159.0	128.5	125.9
September			208.2										
October			208.2										
November	413.90	268.40	216.0	1.30	147.1	143.2	138.1	152.2	149.3	153.8	162.8	130.2	127.6
December			216.0										
January			216.0										

(a) Base of index series: March Quarter 1982 = 100.0.

## BUILDING AND NEW FIXED CAPITAL EXPENDITURE

Month	Building approvals \$ m		Building approvals building '000 units		Government building approved \$ m	Price indexes(a)				New fixed capital expenditure by private enterprises (\$m)(b)			
						Building commenced, total \$ m		Dwellings commenced '000 units		Materials used in house building (Base year 1966-67 = 100.0)		Materials used in building other than house building (Base year 1979-80 = 100.0)	
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.		Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.
1984-85—													
November	1,458.5	1,378.8	14.6	13.7	347.8					476.0	154.1		
December	1,247.4	1,337.6	11.9	13.5	333.0	3,623.9	3,748.5	39.3	38.7	477.1	154.5	1,158.8	r1,008.2
January	1,010.1	1,250.1	11.6	13.7	151.8					478.5	154.9		
February	1,143.4	1,281.4	12.3	13.5	162.8					481.7	155.9		
March	1,361.7	1,345.8	13.4	13.1	180.5	3,472.7	3,596.4	34.0	36.7	486.9	156.8	898.8	r1,049.9
April	1,281.0	1,344.0	13.4	13.4	200.2					491.9	158.4		r2,657.3
May	1,303.3	1,313.0	14.6	13.2	320.5					496.2	160.5		r3,064.3
June	1,423.8	1,414.8	13.3	13.4	193.2	r4,175.6	r4,143.3	r39.2	r38.4	498.8	161.2	1,102.8	r1,072.7
1985-86—													
July	1,377.5	1,267.3	13.8	13.3	194.0					501.0	162.0		
August	1,823.4	1,564.0	14.1	13.5	433.5					505.0	163.0		
September	1,462.7	1,466.9	12.8	13.1	247.8	4,317.6	4,072.6	39.3	37.9	506.6	163.9	1,155.6	r1,196.6
October	r1,502.2	r1,408.8	14.8	13.4	250.3					509.7	164.8		r3,441.5
November	r1,552.1	r1,549.9	r12.7	r12.3	252.5					512.3	166.4		
December	r1,261.5	r1,284.3	10.8	11.8	341.5	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	514.1	167.7	1,553.2	1,345.8
January	1,204.7	1,507.6	10.1	12.5	289.5					516.8	168.6		3,533.1

(a) Weighted average six State capital cities. (b) Excludes enterprises classified to agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting, community services and construction.

# FINANCE

Month	Savings banks— depositors' balances (a) \$m		Major trading banks (b)				Housing finance for owner occupation secured commitments to individuals (c)			Common- wealth bond yield short dated (e) per cent	Listed companies new money raised \$m	Taxation revenue Commonwealth and State consolidated revenue funds \$m
			Deposits \$m		Advances \$m		Permanent building societies Banks \$m	Other lenders (d) \$m				
			Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.						
1984-85—												
December	36,078	35,693	37,062	36,713	29,025	28,945	580	270	89	12.90	459.2	4,254
January	36,101	35,659	38,003	37,606	29,503	29,722	673	293	92	12.50		4,140
February	36,582	35,734	38,627	38,652	29,703	30,263	676	330	88	13.20		4,635
March	36,379	36,054	39,012	38,804	30,654	30,884	695	346	104	13.65	640.2	5,192
April	35,662	36,259	39,821	39,607	31,778	31,394	595	322	98	13.65		7,526
May	36,148	36,536	39,833	39,945	32,050	31,731	793	397	115	13.50		7,276
June	38,866	38,780	40,607	40,971	32,713	32,729	637	295	98	13.45	805.7	6,559
1985-86—												
July	38,619	39,040	42,098	42,235	33,771	33,685	811	324	110	13.35		4,737
August	39,132	39,298	42,175	42,641	33,809	34,037	723	279	113	14.45		5,499
September	39,105	39,313	42,894	42,870	33,912	34,024	702	243	105	14.30	n.y.a.	4,325
October	39,414	39,705	42,842	42,893	(f)37,255	(f)36,754	727	266	116	15.05		4,399
November	39,279	39,646	43,248	43,164	37,980	37,886	620	260	118	15.55		5,655
December	39,710	39,281	44,055	43,772	38,948	38,845	545	209	95	15.65	n.y.a.	n.y.a.
January	39,104	38,598	43,660	43,402	38,472	38,762	544	150	100	14.65		n.y.a.
February	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	43,788	43,965	38,970	39,705	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	14.15		n.y.a.

(a) Excludes external territories. (b) Includes external territories. (c) Excludes loans for alterations and additions. (d) Includes terminating building societies, finance companies, credit unions, insurance companies and government instrumentalities. (e) This series is based on non-rebate bonds. (f) Break in series due to inclusion of certain foreign currency assets and liabilities not previously reported. For further information see *Major Trading Banks, Australia* (5603.0).

**NATIONAL ACCOUNTS**  
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Quarter	Gross domestic product		Gross farm product		Gross non-farm product		Final consumption expenditure				Gross fixed capital expenditure			
							Private		Government		Private		Public	
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.
AT CURRENT PRICES														
1984-85—														
September	49,462	50,327	1,366	2,140	48,096	48,187	29,893	30,187	8,398	8,684	7,260	7,284	3,596	4,012
December	56,766	51,792	4,638	2,207	52,128	49,585	32,657	30,906	9,136	8,656	8,313	7,856	4,104	4,080
March	50,230	52,815	1,626	2,292	48,604	50,523	30,819	31,965	8,358	8,953	7,141	7,905	3,816	4,407
June	53,317	55,023	1,212	2,266	52,105	52,757	32,578	33,056	9,520	9,123	8,762	8,444	5,596	4,549
1985-86—														
September	56,126	57,090	1,469	2,179	54,657	54,911	33,820	34,070	9,057	9,373	8,724	8,687	4,099	4,563
December	63,201	57,919	4,444	2,150	58,757	55,769	37,057	35,015	10,190	9,647	9,373	8,911	4,963	4,922
AT AVERAGE 1979-80 PRICES														
1984-85—														
September	32,886	33,476	1,557	2,145	31,329	31,331	19,975	20,197	5,437	5,617	4,939	4,943	1,350	1,467
December	37,824	34,107	4,155	2,155	33,669	31,952	21,637	20,434	5,796	5,543	5,571	5,288	1,398	1,426
March	32,309	34,213	1,638	2,270	30,671	31,943	19,982	20,778	5,319	5,645	4,695	5,187	1,358	1,532
June	33,760	35,118	1,447	2,261	32,313	32,857	20,649	20,931	5,970	5,717	5,599	5,395	1,856	1,536
1985-86—														
September	35,056	35,595	1,557	2,039	33,499	33,556	20,907	21,094	5,516	5,702	5,365	5,333	1,375	1,488
December	39,528	35,783	3,946	2,093	35,582	33,690	22,566	21,261	6,161	5,887	5,565	5,309	1,598	1,620
AT CURRENT PRICES—continued														
Quarter	Imports of goods and services		Exports of goods and services		Gross operating surplus of trading enterprises				Wages, salaries and supplements		Income of farm unincorporated enterprises	Other household income	Less direct taxes, etc. (a)	Household disposable income
					Companies		Other							
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.				
1984-85—														
September	9,904	9,371	8,185	8,128	6,274	6,213	11,245	11,623	26,111	26,435	249	41,753	7,121	34,632
December	9,171	9,354	7,885	7,980	7,356	6,617	15,250	12,041	28,060	26,897	3,316	49,307	6,904	42,403
March	9,142	9,540	8,210	8,535	5,872	6,552	11,417	12,512	26,107	27,160	413	42,436	7,482	34,954
June	10,727	10,689	10,044	9,780	6,610	6,749	10,877	12,743	28,325	28,237	34	47,174	12,546	34,628
1985-86—														
September	11,767	11,119	9,797	9,767	7,775	7,696	13,054	13,306	28,083	28,564	233	46,030	7,670	38,360
December	11,573	11,793	9,474	9,553	8,025	7,228	16,637	13,480	31,323	29,833	3,002	54,576	7,670	46,906

(a) Direct taxes deducted are those paid by persons to general government. These include income tax paid and estate and gift duties, all other direct taxes, fees for service of a regulatory character and fines and gifts paid. Also deducted here are consumer debt interest and transfers to overseas.

**LABOUR FORCE SURVEY(a)**

Month	Employed				Unemployed				Unemployment rate-per cent		Participation rate-per cent		Survey estimates
	Full-time workers		Total		Looking for full-time work		Total		Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.					
1984—													
November	5,382.8	5,394.1	6,566.0	6,542.2	488.3	526.9	571.3	620.9	8.0	8.7	60.3	60.5	39.8
December	5,469.7	5,405.6	6,623.6	6,552.9	527.1	510.4	627.1	607.8	8.6	8.5	61.2	60.4	
1985—													
January	5,402.4	5,421.5	6,437.4	6,570.0	572.6	517.5	657.6	613.7	9.3	8.5	59.8	60.5	55.0
February	5,435.7	5,432.4	6,576.3	6,614.6	576.4	513.1	673.6	602.6	9.3	8.3	61.0	60.7	
March	5,451.9	5,440.3	6,634.5	6,594.1	556.4	532.8	671.7	632.4	9.2	8.8	61.4	60.7	
April	5,380.0	5,391.3	6,564.8	6,564.7	510.7	513.7	614.2	612.6	8.6	8.5	60.3	60.3	56.6
May	5,426.8	5,435.3	6,632.3	6,629.3	503.6	508.0	607.7	608.2	8.4	8.4	60.7	60.7	
June	5,421.7	5,437.3	6,631.9	6,637.9	512.0	531.7	606.7	628.6	8.4	8.7	60.6	60.8	
July	5,472.1	5,461.9	6,674.5	6,664.6	476.7	504.5	565.7	598.8	7.8	8.2	60.5	60.7	52.4
August	5,439.2	5,497.3	6,646.1	6,684.9	486.8	506.0	571.2	602.2	7.9	8.3	60.2	60.8	
September	5,547.7	5,513.1	6,783.9	6,740.9	482.5	494.5	587.7	592.9	8.0	8.1	61.4	61.1	
October	5,496.6	5,498.5	6,740.1	6,714.4	443.8	476.8	533.1	564.5	7.3	7.8	60.5	60.6	51.8
November	5,562.4	5,573.4	6,848.8	6,821.8	442.5	476.7	541.1	588.7	7.3	7.9	61.4	61.6	
December	5,638.9	5,573.0	6,875.8	6,802.3	484.4	469.2	589.4	571.6	7.9	7.8	61.9	61.1	
1986—													
January	5,603.6	5,624.5	6,719.0	6,862.5	529.6	478.8	623.2	583.5	8.5	7.8	60.8	61.6	

(a) Estimates derived from the labour force survey part of monthly population survey, which is based on a sample of dwellings and covers about two-thirds of one per cent of the population of Australia. For further information see *The Labour Force, Australia* (6203.0).

**EMPLOYED WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS, STATES AND TERRITORIES(a)**

**PERSONS (<sup>'000</sup>)**

Month	Australia												
	Government												
	Commonwealth												
	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Private	State(b)	Local	Total	Total
1984—													
July	1,822.1	1,386.6	762.2	448.4	454.9	139.5	47.1	108.6	3,491.1	420.3	1,103.6	1,678.1	5,169.2
August	1,828.5	1,393.3	767.6	450.7	457.3	139.5	47.1	108.8	3,512.3	421.6	1,104.4	1,680.5	5,192.8
September	1,825.9	1,403.5	766.7	447.5	456.7	137.5	47.4	107.4	3,515.8	421.0	1,101.6	1,676.9	5,192.8
October	1,832.9	1,426.0	770.9	452.3	463.1	141.1	49.5	110.2	3,562.4	423.6	1,106.0	1,683.6	5,246.0
November	1,834.3	1,433.4	773.4	454.6	467.5	143.2	49.4	111.6	3,588.1	425.9	1,100.2	1,679.3	5,267.4
December	1,835.8	1,429.4	769.0	456.3	464.4	142.6	49.0	110.6	3,593.8	427.0	1,083.4	1,663.3	5,257.1
1985—													
January	1,818.3	1,413.3	760.3	443.1	456.6	139.3	48.9	108.1	3,568.6	427.3	1,042.5	1,619.4	5,188.0
February	1,847.5	1,444.7	777.1	448.8	464.6	142.1	49.0	110.3	3,626.2	429.0	1,077.0	1,657.9	5,284.1
March	1,855.7	1,458.8	780.9	455.3	471.3	144.8	50.3	111.7	3,639.8	431.8	1,104.5	1,689.1	5,328.9
April	1,863.8	1,466.2	787.7	459.0	477.7	145.4	52.1	112.6	3,663.0	432.6	1,116.1	1,701.6	5,364.7
May	1,850.9	1,465.2	797.3	462.1	479.3	145.8	53.2	113.3	3,675.8	484.4	1,102.9	1,691.1	5,367.0
June	1,865.4	1,470.2	796.4	462.7	479.0	141.9	52.6	113.5	3,669.2	429.8	1,134.0	1,718.6	5,369.7
July	1,853.0	1,479.0	786.1	466.6	477.8	141.7	53.8	111.7	3,651.2	429.7	1,130.4	1,716.0	5,387.5
August	1,854.7	1,485.6	790.9	467.3	481.2	141.9	54.1	111.6	3,671.5	429.7	1,127.7	1,713.4	5,391.5
September	1,850.1	1,489.5	794.2	465.9	482.7	142.8	54.9	111.5	3,678.0	429.9	1,127.7	1,713.4	5,391.5

(a) Results of sample survey of approximately 20,000 private employers selected from the ABS register of businesses. Data from all Government Employers is collected. For further details see *Employed Wage and Salary Earners, Australia* (6248.0) and *Information Paper: New Statistical Series: Employment, Average Weekly Earnings, Job Vacancies and Overtime* (6256.0). Excludes wage and salary earners in the private sector employed in agriculture, forestry, fisheries, hunting, private households and members of the permanent defence forces. (b) Includes the Northern Territory Government.

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